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V-4	Identification of parent application or parent grant, etc.		•		
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V-4-1-1	Kind of protection	continuation-in-part			
V-4-1-2	Parent application or grant No.	09/532,499			
	Parent application or grant date	23 March 2000 (23.03	23 March 2000 (23.03.2000)		
V-5	Precautionary Designation Statement				
	In addition to the designations made				
	under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b)				
	all designations which would be permitted				
	under the PCT except any designation(s)				
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	date is to be regarded as withdrawn by				
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V-6	Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations	NONE			
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national				
VI-1-1	application	02 1/			
VI-1-1 VI-1-2	Filing date Number	23 March 2000 (23.03.2000)			
VI-1-2	Country	09/532,499			
VI-1-3	Priority document request	US			

	The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International	VI-1			
	Bureau a certified copy of the earlier				
	application(s) identified above as item(s):				
VII-1	International Searching Authority	European Patent Office (EPO) (ISA/EP)			
VIII	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached		
VIII-1	Request	6	-		
VIII-2	Description	24	_		
VIII-3	Claims	4	_		
VIII-4	Abstract	1	EZABST00.TXT		
VIII-5	Drawings	0	_		
VIII-7	TOTAL	35			
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VIII-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	_		
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VIII-18	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract				
VIII-19	Language of filing of the international application	English			

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